

Obesity Prevention Program Advisory Team

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Margie Tate, Arizona Department of Health Services
Steve West, MD, Pediatrician, Cactus Children's Clinic

Donna Baker-Miller, Vice President, Provider Strategies & Development Kronos, The Optimal Health Company

Ms. Baker-Miller oversees the strategic planning, development and education of innovative products to physicians and other health care providers. She brings more than 20 years of experience in managed care to this position. Prior to joining Kronos, Ms. Baker-Miller founded Strategic Health Partners, a health care consulting firm advising health care leaders in developing new products, identifying innovative programs to optimize reimbursement and the commercialization of new technology. Previously, she was vice president of Managed Care at Aequitas Consulting Group, which advised senior level staff of medical device, pharmaceutical, biotechnology and other health care organizations.

Steve Barclay, Community member Owner of Advocates West, Inc.

Steve Barclay started his own advocacy firm, Advocates West, Inc., in October of 2000. However, Steve is no stranger to the world of lobbying and government relations, having served as a full-time lobbyist at the Arizona Legislature and before numerous state regulatory agencies and local governments for over twenty-one years. In addition, he has been practicing law in Arizona for over twenty-four consecutive years, with an emphasis on healthcare, corporate and regulatory matters.

Kathryn Eagle, MD, Health Policy Advisor, Consultant Apache Diabetes Wellness Center

Kathryn is a 2002 graduate of the University of Arizona College of Medicine and is an Arikara/Santee Sioux Native American. She is contracted to develop procedures for HIPAA as it pertains to the White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) Apache Diabetes Wellness Center and Community Health Representative Program. Kathryn is also a liaison for the SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth National Registry University of Colorado Site (NIH) on the White Mountain Apache Reservation and assists the WMAT Apache Diabetes Wellness Center with many of their community education projects.

Jaime Figueroa, Park Ranger II
City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation

Jaime has been employed with the City of Phoenix since 1995 and works hard to preserve and protect Phoenix's natural resources as well as providing programs such as bike rides, hikes and outdoor educational programs, Jaime is also involved with many large scale programs within the division. Some of these include Hearts N' Parks, which is designed to promote everyday heart healthy lifestyle changes among valley residents as well as National Trails Day and National Public Lands Day events, which are nationally aimed at making the public aware of trails and promoting outdoor public land usage.

Matthew Mixer, Past-President
Arizona Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
(AzAHPERD)

Physical Education teacher, Horizon Community Learning Center

Matthew Mixer is an elementary physical education teacher at Horizon Community Learning Center in Phoenix. He instructs students in the only daily public elementary school health and physical education program currently in Arizona. Matt is also the current past-president for the Arizona Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and serves on the Executive Committee for the National Middle and Secondary School Physical Education Council.

Sonja Nelson, Director of Bariatric Services
Banner Health, Banner Good Samaritan

Ms. Nelson has worked for Banner Health for the last ten years. Her passion for wanting to resolve the obesity epidemic in our country lead Ms. Nelson to work with Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center's administration to provide a comprehensive treatment approach to this disease. Good Samaritan opened the Bariatric Center in July of 2003 and Ms. Nelson continues to expand the community roles that Banner Health plays in the field of obesity. The Bariatric Center at Good Samaritan offers both surgical and non-surgical treatment for obesity with nutritional, exercise and behavioral therapies. Ms. Nelson has served on many committees dealing with the obesity epidemic including the Healthy Avondale 2010 Committee and the Arizona Obesity Prevention Program's Workgroups and Advisory Team.

Annabel Rimmer, Executive Director
Asian Pacific Community in Action (APCA)

As the Executive Director of a young nonprofit organization, Ms. Rimmer is networking extensively in the community to publicize APCA and its efforts to develop a community health worker/medical interpreter program to address the issue of health disparities in the Asian Pacific Islander community. She is currently overseeing day-to-day operations, seeking funding sources, working on board development, and managing grants and writing grant proposals. She has seventeen years of volunteer management, educational programming, and operations management experience.

Gurpreet Singh, Community member/graduate student

In her early career, Gurpreet was very involved in medical organizations by working at the University Medical Center and attending conferences all over the US about vital

issues we are facing in health care. Gurpreet has a Bachelors in Molecular and Cellular Biology and began to work for WL GORE and associates as a Biochemist, in Flagstaff; yet her passion for health care remains. Gurpreet has been accepted as a Masters of Public Health Student at the University of Arizona and cares deeply about the obesity crisis we are facing.

**Melissa Steinle, Child and Adult Care Food Program Director
AZ Dept. of Education**

Melissa Steinle oversees the Child and Adult Care Food Program at the Department of Education. Other experience includes Department of Economic Services and with Maricopa County WIC program for a total of 18 years providing services to the public. Ms. Steinle has a Bachelor's in Nutrition from the University of Arizona and an AA in Legal Assisting from Phoenix College. The Department of Education is committed to the children in Arizona and strives to ensure a healthy lifestyle for growth and optimum learning.

**Margaret Tate, RD, MS, Chief of the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Nutrition Services/WIC Director
Arizona Department of Health Services**

Margaret Tate oversees the chronic disease prevention programs, as well as the public health nutrition programs that include WIC, Commodity Supplemental Food, Farmers' Market Nutrition, and Food Stamp Education Programs. Margie has worked with the WIC Program, at both the local and state level, for 28 years. Margie has served in a number of leadership positions within American Dietetic Association and its district and state affiliates. Margie has also served in leadership positions in a number of public health organizations such the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors, the National WIC Association and the Chronic Disease Directors Association. She currently serves as the chair for the National WIC Association's Obesity taskforce.

**Stephen West, MD
Cactus Children's Clinic**

Steve West has been a pediatrician in Glendale, AZ since 1977. He is a member of the Board of Medical Examiners, the American Medical Association and the American Board of Pediatrics as well as a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatricians. He has served as Chairman of the Children's Health Center at St. Joseph's Hospital and the Pediatric Department at Thunderbird Samaritan and he has served on the Member Executive Committee at St. Joseph's Hospital as well as Thunderbird Samaritan.